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Chelsea also proved to be a very hospitable town.

The Deutschland likes the entertainment afforded by the United States.

Mister Carranza is strangely silent about sending the American boys back home.

Boston's cup of joy would be overflowing if the submersible Bremen should pop up in Boston harbor.

Dr. Arthur Warren Waite's effort to carve the figure of the cross on his breast will be passed as merely an incident of a tedious voyage.

The esteemed Concord (N. H.) Monitor "commends them (the Greater Vermont slogans) to the careful consideration of our state board of trade." For ideas, come to Vermont.

The reports carrying a Constantinople dateline and asserting how the Russians were being repulsed and beaten back by the Turks are swept aside with one movement, such as their evacuation of Erzincan. About the only positively accurate information that has come out of Constantinople is that the English and French gave up the attempt to force the Dardanelles.

We know now that editorial topics are becoming scarce in New York newspaper sanctuaries because the New York Sun-Press has brought out of the editorial barrel that old, old complaint of E. J. Phelps, which ends:

And I hope in hell  
Their souls may dwell  
Who first invented Essex Junction.

It is a sign that current topics are running low when the metropolitan newspapers revert to that relic.

Vermont's allotment of the national good roads money is \$22,844 for the current year, somewhat more than New Hampshire's, considerably larger than Rhode Island's and quite a bit less than Maine's, Massachusetts' or Connecticut's. As compared with the amount which the state of Vermont and the towns are putting into the good roads movement, the national aid is small indeed; but it will lend its help toward a splendid purpose. Moreover, the amount will be much larger in succeeding years, as the total federal appropriation increases by \$5,000,000 each year during the next four years.

The collapse of the Ford peace movement is again brought to attention by the defection of Rev. Charles F. Aked, the man who played leapfrog around the ship which was going to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas. Rev. Aked announces that he has resigned from official position with the Ford neutral peace conference in Stockholm because of his lack of success in urging a change of program. One trouble with the Ford peace movement was that there were too many "generals" and too few "privates of the private sort"; in other words, there were too many who wanted to be bosses of the expedition.

"Safety first" as a motto for Vermont motorists seems to have been thrown to the winds, if one might judge by the accidents which have happened on railroad grade crossings during the past few days, the series culminating in the collision between a train and a delivery automobile near Fort Ethan Allen on Wednesday when a man was injured and a boy was killed. As long as grade crossings exist the motorists in particular must pay attention to them and to the possibility of being struck by trains. No person with any degree of caution in his mental make-up will drive onto a grade crossing without first having taken a hasty survey of both approaches. However, there are still some people who foolishly place themselves in the hands of luck when they sit down back of the steering wheel.

The efforts being made by the Vermont secretary of state's department to check up the automobile operators in Vermont with a view to correcting many minor faults in the operation of the law are bound to have a good effect because they will round up the persons who are running their machines on out-of-date licenses or who have no licenses at all. The first experiment was tried out in Montpelier and will be followed by similar efforts in many other places of the state. Motorists who are operating their cars under bona fide licenses should welcome the campaign started by the secretary of state's office and they should lend themselves cordially to the idea, treating the representatives of the secretary of state's office courteously. At the same time it would be a good policy for all motorists, who have legal right to operate cars, to carry their registration cards with them. To carry the cards may save them some trouble later on.

THE PERSISTENCY OF THE GERMAN DRIVE

The persistency with which the British are continuing their drive against the Germans on the Somme front in their efforts to capture Bapaume, backed up



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1 lot Ladies' White Colored Rubber Soled Pumps, were \$2.25, now \$1.69.

1 lot Men's Oxfords (sizes broken) were \$4.00, now \$1.98.

There are many other lines which we cannot mention here, but would be glad to have you step in and see what we have got. Also watch our windows.

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by what is generally believed to be a superior army in numbers and by a supply of ammunition that is at least as good as that of the Germans, bids fair to accomplish the desired end. The British drive has been kept up for a period of about three weeks, considerably longer, we believe, than any previous effort by them, and now shows no signs of weakening. The British are able to bring up reinforcements from their reserve strength and if the supply of ammunition is maintained, the continued hammering at one point is likely to crumple the German defense, courageous as it has been thus far. The capture of Pozieres, which was effected only after the most bitter struggle, is in itself an important step forward in the offensive because the heights of the place are such as to give the attacking forces a commanding position over the German third line of defense. The actual ground covered in that victory is not nearly as great as that gained further to the south along the wide salient which the British and French have been enabled to thrust into the German line, but it will serve to straighten out the British line on the northern end, toward Thiepval, where desperate resistance had served to hold up the advance.

JINGLES AND JESTS

Visitor—Of course you tried the Jinkishas while you were in Japan, Mrs. New Gilt?  
Mrs. New Gilt—Oh, my word, yes; aren't they awful tasting things!—Judge.

Apt Comparison.  
"Prof. Diggs is an authority on the Chaldeans."  
"Indeed?"  
"Yes. He knows as much about those ancient people as Mrs. Diggs knows about the Smiths and Joneses who live next door."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Tempting Providence.  
Tapson—He should have had more sense than to go broke.  
Tucker—It was overconfidence. He'd always managed to keep his head above water until he went into that pool.—The Lamb.

WILLIAMSTOWN  
V. A. Bates Has Resigned as Road Commissioner.

V. A. Bates who was elected road commissioner at last March meeting, handed his resignation to the selectmen yesterday and the same was accepted, so that the town is to-day without a road commissioner. In such cases the selectmen are authorized to appoint for the remainder of the time for which an officer of the town is elected, but no appointment has yet been made.

Miss Mattie Watson of Montpelier is visiting her cousin, Dr. E. B. Watson.

L. J. Warner and Ray Thresher have had lightning rods placed on their buildings.

E. B. Colver, traveling representative of the J. B. Kendall company of Enosburg Falls, is in town calling on the customers of the firm.

Morris Clyde Hutchinson, who has been in town with his people for the past fifteen days on his annual leave from his duties as letter carrier in Burlington, has returned to that city.

Patrons of the postoffice are reminded that private mailing cards either photographs or post cards, if larger or smaller than government cards, are not mailable for one cent if they bear a written message, but may be mailed at the letter rate. Also that cards made from birch bark, leather or any other material than cardboard, require a two cent stamp.

Mrs. Harry Lasell and her two sons are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Recor of Chelsea.

The local grange has suggested that this town observe an Old Home week day this summer and has invited the other societies and orders to appoint committees to act with a committee from the grange to make arrangements for such a day if thought advisable. The idea is a good one and it is to be hoped that it will be acted on favorably and carried out.

The Village Improvement society will meet at Firemen's hall on Friday evening, July 28. Members please come prepared to pay dues.

John Casabella of Barre is a guest at Charles Passera's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bemis are visiting in Marshfield. They are thinking of making a trip to the West in the near future.

Edward House of Barre was in town yesterday visiting his father, Henry C. House, and two sisters, Mrs. Fred C. Graves of Colorado Springs, Col., and Mrs. Nellie Elliott.

The lawn social given under the auspices of the Eastern Star at Fred L. Poor's on Tuesday evening was a very pleasant event and well attended, about 125 being present. A goodly sum was realized toward the piano, which it is planned to purchase for the Masonic hall, to be used in common by both orders.

CURRENT COMMENT

Experience vs. Popularity.

The Bennington Banner observes of two candidates for the position of state auditor, to be vacated by the promotion to the governorship of Horace F. Graham, that Benjamin Gates of Montpelier is best known and that Thomas H. Cave, Jr., of Barre is the best trained. This being the case, there should not be any question in the minds of Vermont voters whom to choose for the office. No matter how popular Mr. Gates may be, nor what his rare qualities of good fellowship may be, if Mr. Cave, by virtue of his experience, is the best qualified, the latter should be overwhelmingly nominated for the position of auditor. It is peculiarly an office in which business training, and not political favor, should dictate the selection of its holder.—Rutland News.

Irish Home Rule Muddle.

Members of the British government appear to have wrecked the all but completed agreement to put Irish home rule into operation. They are not Irishmen who have destroyed the promising plan. It has been ruined in the cabinet, mostly by an English peer who is an Irish landlord. The Irish leaders had agreed. Mr. Lloyd George, commissioned by Premier Asquith had presented the suggested scheme of settlement, and both Mr. Redmond and Sir Edward Carson had submitted it to conventions of their parties in Ireland, and had been authorized to accept it. The way was clear to apply the home rule act to all Ireland except six counties in Ulster, deferring a permanent arrangement in regard to these till after the war.

SOUTH BARRE.

The regular meeting of South Barre grange will be held Thursday evening, with the following program: Piano solo, Mrs. Flora Lewis; reading, Mrs. Matott; recitation, Mrs. Flora Lewis; vocal solo, Marjorie Worcester; reading, G. J. Seager; piano duet, Misses Cora and Marguerite Roberts.

MARSHFIELD.

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CONVICTED IN  
SECOND DEGREE

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county as well as those whose proximity to the scene of the murder would naturally arouse their interest. During the prosecution, it developed that a statement alleged to have been made by Williams at the county jail May 7 would bulk large in the state's evidence. After a lengthy preliminary hearing in the course of which the jury was excluded from the court room, the alleged confession was admitted as evidence, but not without strenuous objections from the defense. In effect, the accused laid the burden of the crime on Mrs. Felch, claiming that he accompanied her to the sugarhouse on the night of the 22d, but adding that she fired the fatal shot. Williams repeatedly denied his own culpability and told of refusing offers made by Mrs. Felch to kill her husband. A sordid story of domestic infelicity with Mrs. Felch and the accused as the principals was included in the confession.

The state rested on the eighth day of the trial and after the noon recess the defense introduced six witnesses, five of whom had been called for the state. One of them was Mrs. Mary Williams, the girl wife of the accused. Before 4 o'clock on the same afternoon the defense rested, after setting up as one of the principal reasons for Williams' acquittal the fact that the state failed to connect him with the shooting at any point.

As the days wore on it became evident that a battle of legal wits was to figure prominently in the trial. In the period occupied by the prosecution in developing its case from the testimony of some 12 or 15 witnesses, counsel for the defense opposed every point contentiously and with vigor. Rumors that there would be sensational revelations in a confession by Williams were confirmed in part when the jail statement was finally admitted. The defense argued that the confession was obtained by promises of immunity or threats and it developed that the state was aided in securing the confession by detectives placed in the county jail, detectives who had been actively engaged in uncovering evidence in and around Waits River before the indictments were returned. Even as feeling ran high when Felch was murdered, Orange county people in the towns contiguous to the locality where the crime was committed continued to watch the case with undiminished excitement. Many recalled the Sloan murder in 1886, when the uncommonly revolting circumstances surrounding the death of a child aroused an entire county and was followed by the conviction of a woman. Examination of the criminal records at the county courthouse, however, does not disclose a brutal murder as that of Felch's. Indeed, the records are remarkably free from crimes of the more serious sort, but in every instance it is shown that the authorities were duly vigilant in their investigations and that in most instances the ends of justice were not defeated when suspicion pointed its finger at the guilty ones.

Yesterday most of the time was taken up with the closing arguments and the judge's charge. State's Attorney Williams opened for the state and he was followed by Attorney Wisner for the defense, Attorney Constant closing for the respondent and Attorney General Barber summing up for the state. The arguments were listened to attentively by a large audience, as in the case of the evidence; and it was generally agreed that both sides had been ably handled. It was well toward 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when Attorney General Barber concluded his coldly analytical presentation of the state's case, and Judge Stanton proceeded at once to turn the case over to the jury.

The Judge's Charge.

At the outset Judge Stanton outlined briefly the accusation brought against Williams, the charge that on the night of April 22, 1916, he murdered Joseph Felch in Felch's sugarhouse in the town of Topsham, to which charge Williams had pleaded not guilty.

Judge Stanton then proceeded to assert the rules established by law to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused. First, he declared, the respondent must be presumed to be innocent of the charge or of any other charge which might be included in the indictment. This presumption is evidence in favor of the respondent and is for his protection. In the second place, said the judge, in order to find this respondent guilty of this charge or any other charge under the indictment, you must find him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. This applies to every essential element introduced in the case. So you are to find it beyond a reasonable doubt. The judge then went on to define a reasonable doubt. If you still have doubt of his guilt you should give the respondent the benefit of that doubt and acquit him. This does not mean doubt based on fancy or whim or suspicion, nor formed from merciful consideration. Remember that the presumption of the law is that the respondent is innocent.

You are to be the sole judges of the credibility of the witnesses. You have seen them on the stand, have noted their appearance, have seen whether their appearance seemed frank, fair and candid or whether showing bias or leaning. You will consider if any of them showed a better opportunity to testify than others. If any of them have remembered more accurately you are to take that into consideration. Carefully weigh it all as to its probability and determine the matter as best you can from the evidence.

We have had some expert testimony in the case, and you should give careful weight to such testimony because that sort of evidence is recognized.

The respondent has not been a witness in the case. He has a right to remain silent. The state must prove him guilty. The fact that he has not testified must not be taken against him.

To a large extent the evidence has been circumstantial, that is, not direct. All circumstantial facts must be proven to your satisfaction and then the main fact must be determined from those facts, and beyond a reasonable doubt in your minds. Consideration should be given to circumstantial evidence because it is proper.

Judge Stanton at this point defined the verdicts which might be brought in a case of homicide and carefully differentiated between the degrees of homicide, as well as speaking of the verdict of not guilty as charged. Through it all he urged the jury to be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt.

Turning to the evidence in the case, the court said that the statement, or confession made by Williams in the county jail should be considered and that the jury should weigh that as evidence, to see if it contains the truth, or a part

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